

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The listing of claims presents each claim with its respective status shown in parentheses. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, i.e., insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough text (e.g., ~~deletions~~). All previously amended claims appear as clean text.

LIST OF CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for holding a tool comprising:
 - an attachment member having an inner surface sized to frictionally engage an outer surface of ~~the~~ a tool;
 - a grip extending axially away from the attachment member;
 - the attachment member and grip sharing an outer surface substantially uniformly spaced from the outer surface of the tool; and
 - the attachment member comprises at least one tab member for frictionally engaging the outer surface of the tool.

8. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the attachment member comprises a pair of tab members for movably securing the apparatus to the outer surface of the tool.

20. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for holding a tool comprising:

an attachment member having an inner surface sized to frictionally engage an outer surface of ~~the~~ a tool, the attachment member configured for slidable engagement axially along a length of the tool between a deployed position and a stowed position;

a grip extending axially away from the attachment member, the grip extending away from a first end of the tool in a deployed position and between a second end and the first end of the tool in a stowed position;

an outer surface substantially uniformly spaced from the outer surface of the tool;
and

the attachment member comprises at least one tab member for frictionally engaging the outer surface of the tool.

29. (Original) A method for manipulating a flashlight, the method comprising:

providing a flashlight support comprising a grip and an attachment member, the attachment member capable of substantially surrounding and frictionally engaging a portion of the flashlight;

attaching the flashlight support to the flashlight such that the flashlight support is selectively movable along a length of the flashlight;

selectively moving the flashlight support along the flashlight such that the grip extends away from a first end of the flashlight in an axial direction; and

positioning the grip in a mouth of a user.


30. (Original) The method of claim 29 further comprising removing the flashlight support from the mouth of a user and stowing the grip proximate the flashlight by moving the attachment member axially along the flashlight toward a second end of the flashlight, opposite the first end.

CONCLUSION

Applicant earnestly believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues remaining, or require further clarification, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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